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Broader Review of CIA Urged by Congressman

Supersecret Agency's Acts Alter Course of Foreign Relations, Committee Told

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress received another proposal Thursday to broaden congressional review of the operations of the supersecret Central Intelligence Agency. Rep. Jonathan B. Bingham (D-N.Y.) told a joint congressional committee that CIA successes or failures "materially alter the course of our international relations."

Bingham said he understands that special subcommittees of Senate and House Appropriations and Armed Services Committees now scrutinize CIA operations.

Joint Group Urged

He proposed that a joint Senate-House review group be formed to include members of these committees, plus some from the Foreign Relations Committees. Congress has rejected similar proposals in the past.

Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla.), chairman of the joint committee studying reorganization of Congress, said he is on the Senate Appropriations Committee and doesn't know which members are on the special CIA study group, "but I have my suspicions."

Bingham said the CIA prefers the present system, and in 1956 its influence was sufficient to defeat a proposal to create a joint committee of review.

But Bingham, a former member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, said that since then:

"The world has learned that CIA is operational in international activities."

"It masterminded the construction and use of the U-2 aerial reconnaissance plane . . . was also responsible for the planning and execution of the Bay of Pigs operation (in Cuba) in 1961 . . . was responsible for giving critical aid in the overthrow of a Communist government in Guatemala . . . encourages indigenous forces involved with political affairs in other nations."

Bingham said he wasn't criticizing the operations of the CIA, adding, "I do not claim to have sufficient information on which to form such a judgment."

"All that I suggest is that there be a joint committee composed of those in whom we do have confidence which can give us guidance in discharging our legislative oversight function."